THE Numb. 43

REHEARSAL

Of Obſervator, &c.

1. *Of the* Letter *in the* Poſt-man *concerning Sir* W. Aſh——t.
2. *Of the* Weather-Cock *ſaid to be ſet up in* Oxford.
3. *The Extraordinary* Standart *ſet up at* Sandwich. *With Mr.* Mead's *fine* Speech. *Wherein of the General* Attack *made upon the* Church *and the* Crown.
4. *The* Story *of* Peter. *Not to be* Forgot.
5. *The* Short *and the* Long *on't.*

From Saturday May the 19th, to Saturday May the 26th 1705.

(1.) *Obſervator.* THou waſt Claw'd off laſt *Saturday*; and a *Letter* Printed in the *Poſt-Man* &c. to Prove thee a *Lyar*.

Country-Man. But in mine of the ſame *Day* (which was before I cou'd ſee theſe *Papers*) the *Miſtake* was *Rectify'd*. And it was an *Innocent* Miſtake. And no way affecting the Purpoſe for which that *Story* was told. Which was only to ſhew the *Senſe* of a certain *Sort* of *People*. And whether it was *W.* or *H.* ſaid it, makes no Difference in the Caſe.

Obſ. But then it was a *Lye* at leaſt in the *Perſon* from whom you had your Intelligence.

Country-m. No. As he tells in his *Letter* (which I have Printed) it was a *General Miſtake* in that Country. And he *Corrected* it as ſoon as he knew it.

Obſ. But in the *Poſt-Man* it is ſaid, *That the Intent was as 'tis Supos'd to Prevent* his (Sir William Aſhurſt's) *Election*.

Country-m. It is there likewiſe ſaid, *That theſe Letters Sir* W. Aſh—t *is Maliciouſly Reported to be Sir* William Aſhurſt. When Men are not *Nam'd*, they need not take it to themſelves, unleſs they Pleaſe. And I give thee my *Word*, that I had no *View*, in telling that *Story*, upon his *Election*, nor was it then in my Head. Nor do I think it wou'd have been any *Hindrance*, but rather an *Advantage* to his *Election*, with a certain *Sort* of *Men*.

Obſ. Thou giv'ſt thy *Word!* Who'll take thy *Word?* More than *Mine!* And if *WE* find thee *Tripping* but in the leaſt *Circumſtance*, tho' nothing *Material*—— Down go's the Credit of thy *Paper* for ever!

Country-m. I confeſs I Fight upon Great *Diſadvantage* with *Thee* and thy *Scandalous Clubb*, who have given themſelves that *Name*, and *Glory* in it.

It is like a *Women* of *Reputation* Engageing with a Common *Proſtitute*. The leaſt *Shadow* of a *Reflection* is a *Wound* to the former. But the other is *Scandal-Proof*.

Yet *Vertue* gives this Advantage, on the other hand, that what an *Honeſt Woman* ſays will be *Believ'd*. Whereas the other is *Disbeliv'd*, even becauſe *ſuch a One* ſays it.

How many *Lies* of thy Telling have I *Diſprov'd*? Yet cou'd never bring thee to be *Aſham'd* of *One*, or to *Repent*. On the Contrary, thou *Repeats* them over again, and again, when thou know'ſt them to be *Falſe!* With ſuch foul *Lies* and *Slander* are the *Papers* of the *Scandalous Clubb* Stuff'd every Day.

(2.) In the *Review* of the 8th Inſtant, *Vol.* 2 N. 28. it is ſaid, *Let the Gentlemen of* OXFORD *be Ask'd what Expoſition they can give of their late Excellent* EMBLEMATICK *Device of adding her Majeſty's* MOTTO *to a new erected Fabrick there, and putting up the* SEMPER EADEM *of the Royal Arms under a* WEATHER-COCK.

Now, I have Ask'd. And Receiv'd the following Account, Dated *Oxon.* May 13. 1705. *I have made particular Inquiry about the Truth of that Scandalous ſtory relating to the Univerſity and the Clergy amongſt us, as if they had ſet her Majeſty's Motto* viz. *SEMPER EADEM upon a* WEATHER-COCK *in one of the Colleges. I have Convers'd with ſeveral Gentlemen of different Colleges, and from ſeveral parts of the Town, who are Amazed at the Impudence of the Invention, and are Mov'd with the Utmoſt Indignation againſt the Author of it. I think therefore, That the Author (for his own Vindication from being an Iccorrigible as well as Infamous Libeller upon her Majeſty and the Clergy) won'd do well to Name the College or the Place where this* WEATHER-COCK *ſtands. And I dare Promiſe him, That the Governors of the Univerſity ſhall thank him for the Diſcovery.*

This is the *Second Part* of his *Shorteſt way with the Diſſenters*. He wrote it with a Deſign to have it Paſs (as it did) for the work of the *High-Church*. And ſo to have them *Expos'd* and *Mobb'd* through the *Nation*. He deny'd himſelf to be the *Author*, till found out by the Hand of *Juſtice*, and he ſet in the *Pillory* for it. Thou thy ſelf (my Scandalous *Maſter*) ſaid'ſt in thy *Obſervator* of *Dec.* 26. 1702. Vol I. N. 71. That it was wrote by a *Clergy-Man*. Thus all *Chiming* into the Grand *Deſign*! Which in all Probability had taken Effect, if it had not been Detected by the *Vigilance* and *Care* of the E. of *N.* then *Secretary* of *State*. For which he has been ever ſince *Perſecuted* to the utmoſt by the *Tongues* and *Pens* of the *Faction*.

Now here's another *Arrow* out of the ſame *Quiver*! The *QUEEN Vilify'd*, and made a *Weather-Cock!* And this put upon the *Learned* and *Loyal Univerſity* of *Oxford*! This is to Separate the *Queen* from her Beſt *Friends*! And render them *BOTH Odious* to the *Nation*. Other *Conſtruction* it cannot Bear. And it muſt Lie either upon *Oxford*, or upon the *Review* and his *Clubb*. The *Iſſue* is *Short* and *Fair*. And if he cannot ſhew where that *Weather-Cock* ſtands, he ought to be *Exalted* in the Room of it. This is the *Preacher* up of *Peace* and *Union*! And theſe are his *Methods* of Purſuing it!

Obſ. I ſhou'd be Afraid of ſeeing my *Friend* once more *Peep* through a *Scotch-Caſement*; if not like another *Peeper*, as I wou'd have all the *Tackers* in *England:* But that 'tis now *Paſt* 12 *a Clock with the Church of* England. And that *WE'r* now got above *Laws*, or any *Proſecution*.

(3.) *Country-m.* Well then, *Looſers* have leave to *Talk*. If we have no other Remedy, I'll tell thee another *Story*, which I have from a good hand; And give thee full Liberty to Diſprove. The *Letter* bears *Date* at *Sandwitch* the 13th of this *Month*, and is as follows. *On the Day of our Election here, beſides many other* FLAGS *hung up for the Great Sir H. there was one Diſplay'd at or near the* ANA-BAPTIST *Meeting-Houſe in the Market-Place, whereon was Deciſer'd the* OLD COMMON-WEALTH BREECHES, *and the* CROWN *Revers'd under them. And theſe* COLOURS *were Preſerv'd from thoſe times by one* FRANCIS HOOK, *whoſe hand appears to the Cutting off the Bleſſed* MARTYR'S HEAD. *And then Declar'd himſelf much Concern'd*

That he had not his HYDE, *as he Term'd it, to make himself a Pair of* BOOTS *with: This Wretch Appear'd also in the* MARKET-PLACE, *where these* COLOURS *were Expos'd, (as I am told) with a* SCARF *about his Middle which he had Worn in those Days; wherein he subscrib'd himself* FRANCIS HOOK ESQUIRE, *though a* SHOO-MAKER *in this Town at that Time. We have also one* JOHN BRANCH *of this Place, who is an* INDEPENDENT, *and Marry'd our New Knight's Sister; This Spark being told, That his Brother in Law won'd be Thrown out by a Committee of Elections for, &c. Reply'd with very foul Language, That his Brother shou'd sit in the House, in Spite of the Queen, and all the Jacobites in* England, *and even the King of France too. Which words were taken in Writing, to be Prov'd, when there is Occasion.*

Thus the *Letter*. I have set down *Names* at Length, with *Time* and *Place*, to Give all Room that may be for a *Disproof*. Our *Cause* having no need of *Invention*, or any *Indirect* Methods.

There is another *Story* agrees with this, which I have Attested under the Hands of two *Witnesses*, and more may be had. That the Notorious Mr. *Rob. Mead* in *Travis-Jun-Coffee-House* in *Holborn*, the day before he went down to the *Ailsbury* Election, said, *I will make the last House of Commons asham'd of what they have done.* And a Gentleman asking him, whether Mr. *Harcourt* was likely to come in at *Ailsbury*, answer'd *No Boyes! We'll Send you Mr.* Meyne *the Son of One of the Glorious* JUDGES *of King* CHARLES *the First.*

The same *Word* Runs through the *Party*. Now think of what I told you before, of some Body's *White Neck*. And then Judge whether if it be *past* 12 *a Clock* with the *Mitre*, it is not, in these Men's opinion, near *Sun-set* with the *Crown*? When besides their *Hearts* boyling over in their *Words* they dare Expose the *Crown Publickly* as *Tumble'd down*, with the *Heels* upmost, under the *Arms* of the *Commonwealth*. And this in the *Market-Place*, in so Great a *Concurse* of *People* of all *Ranks* as Appear at an *Election*.

Many *Towns* have been *Dis-Franchis'd* for less *Insolence* than this; *Un-Rep-ov'd*, *Un-Punish'd*, and therefore we must suppose *Allow'd* of and *Encourag'd* by the *Magistrats*.

These are the *Saints* (the *Vipers*) whom all the Succeeding *Kings* since the *Royal Martyr* have *Warm'd* in their *Bosoms*. And every one of them have been *Stung* by them. These are the True *Penitents*, and deserving all *Favour*! Who have taken such *Care* to Perserve these Precious *Relicks* of their *Rebellion* and *Triumph* over their *Martyr'd Soveraign*, the *Scarfs* and the *Standarts* &c. But have not *Dar'd* to *Expose* them till *NOW!* Nor durst have done it *NOW*, but that they think their *Party* so *Strong*, as not to be *Oppos'd*. And therefore, that *NOW* is the *Time* to Hang out the *Flag* of *Defiance*; to *Encourage* their *Friends*, and *Dis-spirit* their *Enemies*.

Their *Trumpeters* have been Employ'd ever since the *Revolution*, to Sound an *Allarm* against the *Church* and the *Succession*. But have not Appear'd so *Bare-fac'd* against the *Crown* as *NOW*. From what *Encouragement* I will not Examine. Thou gav'st warning to thy *Country-Men* (Vol. 2. N. 13.) *to get themselves Compleatly Arm'd*. And to shew in what *Cause* they were to *Fight*, thou nam'st the *Good Protestant Muskets and Basket Hilt Swords that were us'd at MARSTON-MOOR and EDGE-HILL*. And (Vol. 2. N 89.) thou *Justifies* the *Murther* (or *De-Collation*, as thou *Insultingly* call'st it) of King *Charles* I. And makes a *Jest* of the *Calves Head Feasts*. And now *YOUR Banners* are Publickly *Display'd* at *Sandwich*!

He that perceives not, in the whole *Tract* of *YOUR Proceedings*, a Form'd *Design* to *Attach* both the *Church* and the *Monarchy*, cannot see the *Wood* for *Trees*.

Obs. This *Letter* from *Sandwich* says, that *FRANCK HOOKE*'s *hand Appears to the Cutting off the Blessed Martyr*'s *Head*. Was he one of the *KINGS Judges*, and then but a *Shoo-Maker*?

Country-m. Why not As well as Blind *Bayly* the *Cobler*? But he was got to be a *Colonel* then. See what *Mechanicks* that *Revolution* Rais'd to be above the *King*! *Blessed Reformation*! *Liberty*! And *Property*!

But after the *Murther* of the *King*, there was an *Instrument* sent through *England*, for the *Saints* to *Subscribe*, wherein they own'd the *Legality* of the *High Court of Justice*, and of their *Sentence* against the *King*. That they might be Throughly *Guilty* of his *Blood*; And that it might Lye upon *Them* and their *Children*. Here it was that this *Squire* of a *Shoo-Maker* shew'd his *Zeal*! Which you see continues *Hot* and *Flaming* unto this Day! And yet it is one of the *Cryers* out for *MODERATION*.

(4.) A *Threatning MODERATION*! With which most of their *Declamations* for *Peace* and *Union* End. As the *Weather-Cock Review* before nam'd concludes with a very Instructing *Story* of one *Peter*, who having got a *Fellow* under him, was *Boxing* him. The *Fellow* Cry'd out, *Pay me* Peter *Pay me* Peter, *'twill be my turn by and by*. And at last the *Fellow* got *Peter* under him. And maul'd *Peter* to Content. Then he makes his *Application* to the *Church*, in the same Terrible *Words* of his *Shortest Way* (he is still *Fond* of that *Performance*!) of *Gallows* and *Galleys*; he says, *If ye will be Mad, if ye will be all Persecution, and Conformity or nothing must be the Case, Dragoon them into it at once, shew your selves fairly, set up the Gallows and Galleys, send the Parents to Gaol, and Confiscate their Estates, take their Children from them, and Educate them in your own Blessed Principles, Affront the Quen, Dissolve the Settlement, Restore King* James *and Declare your Minds. But then I beseech you Gentlemen, do not Forget the Story of* Peter *and his Fellow.*

Country-m. No. We will not *Forget* it! It is *Worthy* to be *Remember'd*! Here we see what a *Character* you draw of the *Church*. And then what she is to Expect at *YOUR* hands, next Time *YOU* get into the *Saddle*! Even the same she met with *Before*! Which *YOU* have *Describ'd* exactly. And this is a Good *Argument* (is it not!) for *Peter* to let that *Fellow* get up again! We will not forget the *Story* of *Peter*. We *Thank* you for it,

But there is further *Instruction* in it. For let me Ask thee,

Have *YOU* not a Full and Free *Toleration*?

Obs. Yes.

Country-m Is it not *Confirm'd* to *YOU* by as great a *Security* as can be given, that is, An *Act of Parliament*?

Obs. Yes. But it may be *Repeal'd*.

Country m. Can you have any Greater *Security* for that than the *Assurances* from the *Queen*, the *Lords*, and the *Commons*?

Obs. No ——— Yes.

Country-m. What dost Mean?

Obs. By *NO* I mean, that there is no other *Security* can be *Ask'd*, or *Given* as the *Case* now stands. But by *YES* I mean, that there is a further *Security*. And that *WE* are not *Secure*, while *WE* have a *Queen* upon the *Throne* whose *Heart* is *Entirely English*, who has been *Educated* from her *Infancy* in the *Church* of *England*, and Expects to *Save* her *Soul* in it; who has Promis'd to *Support*, and *Maintain* it, and to *Transmit* it safely *Secur'd* and *Steel'd* to *Posterity*; And to bestow her *Favours* chiefly upon those who are most *ZEALOUS* for it. And we doubt not she will be, in all these things, *SEMPER EADEM*.

We cannot be *Secure*, while we have a *Bench* of *Bishops* and a *Set* of *Temporal Lords*, as *ZEALOUS* for the *Church* as her *Majesty*.

While we have so many *Tackers* and *High-Flyers* in the *House* of *Commons*, who are continually *Pressing* for new *Securities* to the *Church*.

Country-m. They are not *New*. Only to Guard those *Fences* that the *Law* has already made for her *Security* which *YOU* have most *Jesuitically* Eluded.

Obs. I care not ——— *New* or *Old* ——— 'Tis *Security* still. And that will never do *OUR* Business. What! To have the *CHURCH Secur'd*!

(5.) *Country m.* Then the *Short* and *Long* on't is, *YOU* can have no *Security* till the *Government* is *Over-Turn'd*, *ROOT and BRANCH*; and the *Mitre* as well as the *Crown lie Inverted* and *Eclips'd* under the *Shadow* of the *Trunk-Hose* of *Your* Old *Pus*!

And till then, all the *Indulgence* and *Toleration* can be given *YOU*, till *YOU* can *Ask* no more: And all the *Security* that is in the Power of the *Law* or *Government* to Grant, cannot *Please YOU*, nor *Stop YOUR Mouths* from the *Cry* of *Persecution*, *Dragooning*, *Gallows*, and *Galleys* Coming upon *YOU*! This is to *Enflame* the *Mobb*, and hinder all *Peace* or *Union*, while this *Government* stands.

This is the *Plain English* on't, and the *Short Issue* of the *Cause*. Let any Man in the World put other *Construction* upon it, if he can: *YOU* have *All* that *YOU* can *Ask*, or the *Government* Grant. Yet, *Persecution*! *Persecution*! ——— That is, *YOU* think *YOU* cannot *Secure* the *Share YOU* have in the *Government*, without *Gaining* the *WHOLE*.

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